**Richard Cory**

by Edwin Arlington Robinson

**Questions**

1. **Use your knowledge of characterization to show why the townspeople envied Richard Cory. (Maybe you could do a concept map, with Cory in the middle circle)**
2. **What does the poet imply by using the word "crown" instead of "head"? What other word in this stanza has a similar connotation?**
3. **Find at least five words or phrases in "Richard Cory" with connotations of royalty.**
4. **How does the description of Cory's suicide contrast with the earlier descriptions of Cory in the poem? How is Cory's death ironic?**
5. **Why do you think Cory is so unhappy? What assumptions do people make about Cory because he is rich? How might the hidden aspects of Cory's life account for his fate?**
6. **The attitude a writer takes toward a subject or characters is called tone. How does the tone shift in the last stanza of the poem?**